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Hon. President John F. Kennedy,
White House,
Washington, D.C.

Hon. President Kennedy:

I am a Cuban refugee who holds in great respect your country. While in Cuba I was president of Consolidated Railroads of Cuba; also a rice grower and a public accountant. In New Orleans I am the Delegate of the Cuban Revolutionary Council; and for subsistence a real-estate salesman. My sentiment is one of gratefulness and sympathy for your hospitality and humanitarian actions toward the thousands of Cubans in exile today. However, at the same time my feeling is one of sorrow and frustration.-

Next week will see the 25th anniversary of the Cuban crisis. On October 22nd, 1962, the whole world was at the edge of a nuclear war. It was the worst crisis mankind has had in history. At that time your country took a firm stand when you, as President of the U. S. A. demanded:

- a) The withdrawal of the long range missiles.-
- b) The withdrawal of the long range jet bombers.-
- c) The withdrawal of the Russian troops.-
- d) On site inspection.-

Those words had the applause, admiration and support of the whole free world. It was a demonstration of dignity, courage and determination of a great Nation!

However, one year later... Russians troops are still in Cuba and the on site inspection was never carried out.-

In the meantime...

- a) The Cubans have been restrained in their fight for freedom;
- b) Thousands of Cubans of all ages and sex are still in jail;
- c) Thousands have been killed by Castro's firing squads;
- d) Thousands have fled the island of terror;
- e) Millions are still suffering the misery and agony of an implacable regime.-

In addition, in the course of the same year, a nuclear test ban treaty has been signed with Russia and a wheat deal has been approved with Russia!

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Hon. President Kennedy,
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Both deals signed with a well known adversary. A relentless enemy sworn to the enslavement of the whole world. An enemy whose goal is the destruction of your political, social and economic system. An enemy who denied the existence of God. An enemy whose main weapons are subversion and propaganda. An enemy who sneaked nuclear missiles in Cuba, 90 miles from your shores only a year ago.-

So, with those facts in mind, we have to raise the following questions:

- a) Are we defending principles?
- b) Was the Cuban crisis politically motivated?
- c) Are the Monroe Doctrine, the Caracas Declaration, the Rio de Janeiro Treaty and Punta del Este Conference etc. only academic debates?
- d) Is the U.S. Government using Cuba as a political pawn?

With these serious points in our heart we raised one final question:

Does the U.S.A. and the Free world have the will and determination to meet its obligations in the preservation of principles and freedom?

We are under the impression that your Government is determined to destroy Castro's regime through economic measures. A "war of attrition" as is now known. However, as far as we know it is not a matter of record the destruction of a communist regime by an economic blockade. On the other hand, during World War II an economic blockade among other motivations produced Pearl Harbor. Castro, whose record shows he is a fanatic, may produce another one, if he realizes he is doomed. Is the U.S. Government prepared to assume full responsibility for a second Pearl Harbor in continental U.S.?

Almost 3 years of agony, expectancy and confusion, out of my country with a large family and away from my mother, causes me to express my personal feelings in writing. I do hope that I shall have the honor of hearing from you and that your reply will contain some measure of encouragement.-

Respectfully yours,

Frank Bartes



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Bartes' letter to President Kennedy...similar letters to
Senators and their answers are attached hereto.

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